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SUBJECT: ITU BROADCASTING-SATELLITE CONFERENCE: MEXICAN
LEADERSHIP IN OPPOSING U.S. POSITION.

REF: GENEVA 446

1. FACT THAT MEXICO DID NOT AGREE WITH U.S. POSITION WAS
KNOWN PRIOR TO CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, REFTEL REPORTS THAT
MEXICAN DELEGATION'S ACTIVITIES IN GENEVA ARE NOT
LIMITED TO PROMOTING ITS OWN POSITION BUT INCLUDE LEADING
THE OPPOSITION AMONG LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO U.S.
EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH. MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN BROAD-
CASTING SATELLITE SEMINAR IN RIO DE JANEIRO LAST AUGUST
OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION WHETHER EVOLUTIONARY
PLAN WOULD ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARD MEXICAN INTERESTS AND
THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE. U.S.
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ATTEMPTED TO SCHEDULE BILATERAL MEETING WITH MEXICO
IN MONTHS PRECEDING CONFERENCE TO EXPLORE DIFFERING
OPINIONS. REGRETTABLY MEXICO WAS UNWILLING TO MEET.

2. PARA 4 REFTEL REPORTS THAT MEXICAN DELEGATION HAS
GIVEN LITTLE ATTENTION TO U.S. CONFERENCE DOCUMENT
DEALING WITH THE SAFEGUARDING OF FUTURE ACCESS TO THE

GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT. IF DOCUMENT IS CAREFULLY EVALUATED BY MEXICO, IT SHOULD GO LONG WAY TOWARD ASSURING MEXICO

AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES THAT FUTURE ACCESS TO ORBIT WILL BE SAFEGUARDED. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE HIGH LEVEL APPROACH AT EITHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OR DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF BROADCASTING SATELLITE CONFERENCE AND LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES FOR EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF EQUATORIAL ORBIT, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT APPROACH BE MADE EITHER BY AMBASSADOR OR DCM. ANALYSIS OF TWO BASIC APPROACHES TO PLANNING, I.E., A PRIORI PLAN SUPPORTED BY MEXICO OR EVOLUTIONARY PLAN SUPPORTED BY U.S., IS HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND COMPLICATED. THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT SUGGEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO ARGUE SUBSTANCE. RATHER, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS SERIOUS U.S. CONCERN AT ACTIVE OPPOSITION ROLE MEXICAN DELEGATION IS TAKING IN GENEVA APPARENTLY WITHOUT BEING WILLING TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF ISSUES WITH U.S. DELEGATION. EMBASSY SHOULD URGE GOM TO INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO CONSULT WITH U.S. DELEGATION IN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON WHAT IS BEST FOR REGION. U.S. DELEGATION IS QUITE WILLING TO EXPLAIN MERITS OF U.S. POSITION AND RESPOND TO SERIOUS QUESTIONING BY MEXICAN DELEGATION.

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